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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This acknowledged, re your letter of 1 August 1949,
concerning the proposal that the staffs provided for
under NSC-4 and NSC-43 be combined.

I consider it most desirable that a member of
this Agency serve on the proposed combined staff,
and I should like to nominate [redacted]
now assigned to the NSC-4 staff, as a full-time
representative. It will be appreciated if you will
inform me when the proposed staff is established so
that [redacted] records may be adjusted as necessary.

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I agree with you that the question of further
CIA representation should be examined at a later date
in the light of the working experience of the new
staff. At the same time, I wish to assure you of my
deep and continuing interest in the programs envisaged
under NSC-4 and NSC-43 and my intent that this
Agency support them to the limits of our present
activity.

Sincerely yours,

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R. H. McLEOD BYER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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August 1, 1949

My dear Admiral Millerkoetter:

Following conferences among constituents of the National Military Establishment, the National Security Resources Board and the Department of State, looking to the implementation of NSC-43, I have proposed to the Secretary of Defense that the planning and coordination work, and the full-time staff, provided for under NSC-4 and NSC-43 be combined.

I have suggested that the combined staffs consist of representatives of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency, this having proved an effective composition under NSC-4. In addition, I have requested that a full-time representative of the Office of the Secretary of Defense be detailed to the staff.

NSC-4 provides only for "liaison representatives" of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Resources Board on the NSC-43 staff. Inasmuch as the Central Intelligence Agency representative on the NSC-4 staff is, however, assigned on a full-time basis, it would be appreciated if your Agency could continue to provide full-time representation on the combined staff. Experience will show whether further CIA personnel is required beyond the one representative presently serving.

Sincerely yours,

Rear Admiral H. R. Millerkoetter, U.S.N.,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

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